

Acts 11.19-30 shape and keywords

Now those who were scattered because of the struggle that took place over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, and they spoke the word to no one except Judeans. But among them were some men of Cyprus and Cyrene who, on coming to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists also, bringing the Good News of the **Lord** Jesus. The hand of the **Lord** was with them, and a great number became believers and turned to the **Lord**.

The Word was heard into the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced, and he exhorted them all to continue faithful to the **Lord** and remain true to the heart's purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great crowd were brought to the **Lord**.

Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to seek Saul, and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for an entire year they met with the church and taught a great crowd, and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called "Christians."

At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them named Agabus stood up and signified by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the brothers living in Judea; this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.